(5) that the Commissioner, Devicolam, should be made generally responsible for the health of the labouring classes working in the plantations in his Division; and

(6) that the Darbar Physician and the Sanitary Commissioner be instructed to conduct a quarterly inspection of the localities inhabited by the depressed classes and submit proposals to Government in regard to their health.

The Member complained that they were not being allowed to use the public roads and that they were not being admitted into Government medical institutions when admission was sought. He then submitted that members of the community who had returned from active war service were not given appointments in the State service. In conclusion, the Member said that they were not getting good provisions in the bazaars. He also requested Government to subscribe for the journal conducted to advance their material prosperity.

Dewan's reply.—Most of your speech relates to the hardships to which the depressed classes are subject owing to the misconduct of the subordinate officials. All Government medical institutions and public roads are open to all castes. The complaint that your people are not admitted to hospitals is a matter of detail, and I have no objection to request the Darbar Physician to issue stringent orders to admit them freely into hospitals. But the question is how far the orders will be carried out. Government have no direct control over such matters, and they can only enforce obedience to such orders through their officers. If one officer does not listen to your complaints, you may go to the next higher one and so on right up to the Head of the Department. Your complaints must relate to specific cases of misconduct.

The war services of men who have returned from the field are examined by the Soldiers' Committee, and that Committee is insisting on Government providing posts for the deserving men. I cannot see why the members of your community alone should be left out by that Committee.

In regard to bad provisions which your people get in the bazaars, what you say might be true. But how can Government interfere in the ordinary course of demand and supply? The only practical solution in such difficulties is self-help. If, for instance, you organise Co-operative Societies, there will be plenty of work for you and you can then compete with others in the labour market and demand your own wages and you can also supply yourselves with good provisions. There is the Co-operative Registrar who will help you in regard to the formation of Co-operative Societies

As regards the monthly journal referred to by you, a copy of it is being subscribed for by the Government.

144. Grievances of the Malayala Brahmin Jenmies.

Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) said that lack of English education among the members of his community was responsible for the unenviable position in which they were placed. The policy of Government was to encourage and elevate the depressed classes and this policy had benefited Pulayas, Mahomedans and other communities similarly situated in the matter of education and admission to public service. The encouragement given to Malayala Brahmin Jenmies was very poor. They were not adequately represented in popular institutions like the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, the Legislative Council, the Municipal Councils and the Panchayat Courts. Their position as the owners of a major portion of the lands in the State required that they should be better represented on the above institutions. The Member complained that his community was put to serious hardship by the Municipal Councils sanctioning the opening of lanes through the lands of Jenmies without consulting them and taxing religious institutions like ordinary buildings. He also prayed that Government be pleased to nominate one Jenmi Member each to the 19 Municipal Councils in the State and sanction an additional Member each to the Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council. He also suggested that appointments in the Devaswom Department might be conferred on the members of his community.

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